

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An oil filter for an engine comprising:
an elongated cylindrical filter having a first open end with a rim in fluid communication with the engine and a second closed end; and
a rare earth magnet surrounding the rim on the first open end of the filter.
2. (original) The oil filter of claim 1 wherein the rare earth magnet is a samarium cobalt magnet.
3. (original) The oil filter of claim 1 wherein the rare earth magnet is a neodymium iron boron magnet.
4. (canceled)
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6. (canceled)
7. (original) An oil filter for enhanced filtering of oil within an engine comprising:
an elongated cylindrical filter having a first open end in fluid communication with the engine and a second closed end formed from a rare earth magnet.

8. (original) The oil filter of claim 7 wherein the rare earth magnet is a samarium cobalt magnet.

9. (original) The oil filter of claim 7 wherein the rare earth magnet is a neodymium iron boron magnet.